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Capt. Hattie Presented Gift

Company E, 24th Infantry, Honor and Esteem Their Captain.

EVENT TOOK PLACE THURSDAY

Private Edward Ervine Makes the Presentation Speech.

Captain Hattie of Company E, 24th Infantry, was presented with a handsome trunk case by the members of his company Thursday morning as a token of appreciation and good-will of his command. The presentation speech was made by Private Edward Ervine on behalf of the entire company.

The genial captain in accepting the gift expressed his deep thanks and appreciation in a most happy manner, and assured the boys that the sentiments expressed by this useful token of their love and respect will always be remembered by him.

The cover was designed by Mrs. M. L. Green, and bore the inscription: "To Our Captain. From the Boys of Company E, 24th Infantry, Columbus, N. M."

During the presentation of this handsome gift the whole company stood attention, which added further interest to the occasion.

FIRST AERO SQUADRON WILL REMAIN HERE

Cancellation orders for the removal of the First Aero Squadron from Columbus to some other post were received here Thursday by the commander. The Squadron had been under orders to move to some unnamed point for some time and the cancelling order comes as a surprise to the men.

The members of the Squadron have made many friends while they were stationed here who will be glad to know that they are to remain in Columbus indefinitely.

The many friends of Lieut. W. Hellman will learn with regret that he has been ordered to Deming and leaves the first of next week. Mrs. Hellman and little daughter will go to her old home in Strawberry, Mo. The best wishes of their Columbus friends go with them.

24th Infantry Leaves

Two battalions of the 24th Infantry, (colored), left camp here Wednesday. Just where they were sent has not been given out.

THIEVES MAKE GOOD BAIT

Thursday night between 8 and 9 o'clock thieves broke into the store of Moore & More and robbed the cash drawer of \$29.50 and carried away 8 or 10 pairs of ladies shoes and two pair of men's shoes to the value of \$25 or \$30. Entrance was made by breaking in the glass in one of the rear windows of the store.

WORSE THAN WAR

That matrimony, as well as war, is not without its dangers, is proven by the case of General Jeffery, a Chicago youth of 29 summers, who is in the hospital with a broken skull and slashed throat. General, according to his better half, married to escape military service. "When I found this out," she said, "we quarreled and finally I got a hammer and razor and went after him. Jeffery is in critical condition."—El Paso Times.

Mr. G. E. Parks yesterday for a recent date business visit to Santa Fe.

ONLY NINE DIAMOND RINGS IN BERNALILLO COUNTY

Only \$100 in Real Gold and Gold Watches Number a Paltry 23.

The extent to which the people of Albuquerque, and other places in Bernalillo county, are devoted to the simple life, and the degree to which they abhor all display of personal wealth, can be realized only by an examination of the Bernalillo county tax roll for 1917, which has just been received by the state tax commission.

In all of Bernalillo county, which includes the state metropolis and has a population of approximately 24,000 people, there are only nine diamond rings, according to the tax returns. There are no diamond studs or pins, the gold watches number 23, and the silver watches 18, and all other gold and silver jewelry and plate has a value of only \$5,520.

The nine Bernalillo county diamonds are very good rings, the tax roll shows as they have a value for taxation of \$2,500, or \$305 apiece. The value placed on the 23 gold watches is \$610, and on the 18 silver watches \$320.

The tax roll also shows that the idea that Albuquerque is an important financial center is entirely erroneous, as there is in the whole county only \$400 in real money. That is the amount returned for taxation, and there is no return at all of notes, mortgages and credits.

Taxation counts, by way of comparison, returns \$11,000 in real money, and McKinley county shows \$32,150 in money, notes and credits. The diamond rings in Tuerces county, according to the tax roll, total three, and have a value of only \$95, and the gold watches total 81, with a value of \$245. McKinley county's stock of diamond rings amounts to 20, returned for taxation at \$980, and it admits an ownership of 120 gold watches, valued at \$3927.

WAR PRICES WILL HIT CIGAR SMOKERS

War prices are running for tobacco products.

That tobacco profits are no longer to go up "in smoke," literally, seems likely from a circular letter just received by the retailers sent out by the retailers' council of the tobacco merchants' association of the United States.

"We must not forget," the letter says in part, "that the consumer of tobacco products has been spoiled, so to speak. He has been pampered and petted by cigar storekeepers who have not only made it a practice to sell their goods at cut prices for many years, but have continued to supply their customers with their wares in the tobacco line at ridiculously low prices since the outbreak of the war, and while prices in every other branch of merchandising have been steadily growing higher in accordance with the advancing cost of production.

"We urge you, therefore, with all emphasis that we can command to make it your special business to tell every customer who comes into your store exactly what the situation is and to impress upon him that the time has come when the tobacco industry must fall in line with other industries and when every smoker will have to pay an increased price for his cigars, his cigarettes and his tobacco, just as he long since has been compelled to pay a higher price for his bread, his meat, his clothes and his shoes. Prepare him for the coming war prices."

I. W. W.'S WANT TO GO HOME

Secretary Wilson Has Taken the Matter Up With the War Department.

The following telegram was sent this week by members of the I. W. W., requesting that they be permitted to depart from the civilian camp here for their homes. So far only one reply has been received. Secretary Wilson wires that he has taken the matter up with the war department, and it is expected that some definite action will be taken in a few days.

Columbus, N. M.

July 27, 1917.

Wm. R. Wilson.

Secretary Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Persistent reports from our families, relief not adequate, prominent families provided for, Mexicans and others neglected. Also threats eviction from homes and to cut off water. Also transportation offered to other points, pressure if not accepted. Prentiss, physician, American born, sentenced ninety days vagrancy. Bibber, would like investigation. Will protection be given by federal government for return to our homes? Please reply.

Columbus, N. M.

July 27, 1917.

Ben Webb.

A. S. Embree.

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July 28, 1917.

Miss Jeanette Hankin,

Congresswoman,

Washington, D. C.

Many miners from Montana points among those deported from Bisbee July 12. They ask you to do everything in your power to have all sent back to their homes in Bisbee immediately under federal protection.

Ben Webb.

A. S. Embree.

A. D. Kimball.

Civilian Camp,

Columbus, N. M.

July 28, 1917.

In behalf of the twelve hundred miners deported from Bisbee, Arizona, we appeal to you to use your office in our behalf to have us returned to our homes, as a large percentage of us have families in the Warren District.

W. R. Forbes.

Pat Longeneck.

(Signed) Ben Webb.

The above telegram was sent by socialists in camp to Meyer London who was elected from New York City on the Socialist ticket.

Secretary Wilson's Reply

Washington, D. C.

July 27, 1917.

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Columbus, N. M.

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LIBERTY LOAN MOSTLY PAID

Of Balance Due, Government Will Receive Relative Little in Cash.

Of the balance due on the Liberty loan in the three installments yet to be paid, the government will receive only 15 to 16 per cent, or approximately \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in actual cash. The entire remainder already has been paid, either in cash or upon treasury certificates of indebtedness which are payable in first of cash on the bonds.

Of the \$2,000,000,000 realized from the sale of the bonds \$1,285,000,000 was paid in cash and certificates June 30, leaving a balance due by subscribers of \$615,000,000. This sum, however, will not all be paid in cash, as there are outstanding approximately \$300,000,000 of certificates issued which may be converted to the bonds.

The conversions of coupon to that the entire outstanding series of certificates will be converted to bonds, leaving an actual cash balance due to the government of approximately \$315,000,000.

The balance due on the loan must be paid in three installments of 30 per cent on July 30; 30 per cent on August 15 and 30 per cent on August 30.

UNIVERSITY TO BE OPEN EVERY MONTH BUT ONE

President David R. Boyd of the New Mexico State University has announced that the university government has abandoned the two semesters operating plan of former years. Effective October 1 the university will conduct its courses in four periods of twelve weeks each, giving forty-eight weeks work in each year, instead of thirty-six, as under the old plan.

The university will be closed to students only during the four weeks of September. The change has been made in accordance with the recommendation adopted at the recent conference of university presidents in Washington, when added effort to maintain efficiency and attendance during the war was urged. The New Mexico university is the first of the state institutions to make this change since this recommendation was made.

Under the new plan the student attending two periods, or six months in each year, may graduate in five years; nine months, or three periods, in each year will lead to a degree in four years, or the student may attend the full forty-eight weeks in each year and graduate in three years.

The plan is believed to be especially adapted to the needs of New Mexico students, a large number of whom must work their way through college. Last year 65 per cent of men and 25 per cent of the women attended the university earned all or part of their college expenses. While the four-quarter operating plan has been adopted primarily as a war measure it will be made permanent if its operation is found to be satisfactory as is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Pierce and children, of Indiana, who have been visiting their son, S. E. Pierce, of Sunny side, will leave Saturday in their car for California to pay an extended visit to their son in that state. It will be remembered that Mrs. Pierce had the misfortune to break her leg while enroute to Columbus some eight weeks ago. She has fully recovered from the accident and will be able to make the overland journey to California with her husband and children.

DEMING CAMP GIVEN THE NAME OF CODY

Camp Deming, the name that helped to spread the fame of Deming all over the country, has been relegated to the limbo of discarded things by the war department.

It is the custom in the war department to name all camps or forts after some notable and patriotic persons who have passed away and no more appropriate name could have been chosen for this camp than Cody.

William Frederick Cody, known the world over as Buffalo Bill, and the hero of more romances than any other man, assisted in the development of the whole west, and it is fitting that this tribute should be paid to him by the government of the nation he helped in so many measure to build. Buffalo Bill was responsible for the opening up of a great deal of new and sterile country during his life, and his exploits have made him not only a national character, but one who was known and admired the world over. He associated with men from every walk of life and never lost the simple straightforward honesty that marked him as one of the war types of his day and age, and the United States government, in honoring him by naming this camp after him, has also honored itself.

While the new deming instead was. While the orders have been issued for the assembling of the companies of the various states who will be sent here for training no definite date has yet been made public for their arrival at Camp Cody, but it is confidently expected that they will begin arriving there by the latter end of August. The preliminary survey work on the camp site is now being carried out and the plans to erect the buildings are already on the ground.

According to report sent out by the war department at Washington, the thirteenth division that will be sent to Deming will total 37,111 troops made up as follows: Iowa, 12,748; Minnesota, 17,853; Nebraska, 8,195; North Dakota, 2,696; South Dakota, 2,717. These figures represent the strength of the different organizations that will be embodied in the thirteenth division, but a certain percentage of each regiment will be left at home stations to look after the regimental property and is, of course, not available.

With the announcement from Washington that the various national guard regiments now stationed in state camps will be moved to the several national camps, it is probable that the National Guard of New Mexico in camp at Albuquerque, will soon be sent to Lind, Yuma, California, to which place it will be trained with regiments from other western states. The camp at Albuquerque is only temporary and elaborate building plans for the comfort of the guardsmen during their stay there have been abandoned because of the belief that the soldiers will be moved to California in the near future. In the meantime the guardsmen are making the best of things and getting a touch of what soldiering means insofar as camp life is concerned.

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J. E. Phillips, city engineer, of Los Angeles and little son, J. E. Jr., stopped off the Golden State Limited Friday, for a few minutes chat with Mr. and Mrs. Burton. Mr. Phillips is a nephew of the Burton, whom Henry had not seen for nine years. They were greatly disappointed as they had been expecting them for a longer visit.

Drafted Men to Be Called Soon

Two District Exemption Boards for This State

DRAFT LIST ALREADY MAILED

Luna County Men Will Probably Be Summoned Next Week

The first of next week is expected to mark the beginning of the work of emergency for established laws and plans for the war emergency. It is assumed from Washington that the officially completed draft lists will be mailed to every registration district in the country. This would mean the receipt in Columbus of the Luna county list by Monday.

When the official list is received it will be checked with the already completed list of the county and a final notification sent to each man shown to have been drafted. Just how many men will be called for examination has not yet been announced.

Although a notice will be mailed each drafted man to report at the office of the local board for examination, the posting of the list of those called will be deemed sufficient notice to change a man drafted in person himself. The law makes it the duty of every man registered to inform himself as to whether he is called. Copies of the posted list will be given the press for publication to further insure drafted men receiving notice that they have been called.

The president, on the recommendation of the governor has named two district exemption boards for New Mexico, one for the northern half of the state and the other for southern half. These boards will be in effect courts of last resort on those making pleas of exemption, which are denied by the local board. The matter of industrial exemptions will also be acted upon by the district boards, each of which will be composed of five members.

CHANGE IN NATIONAL BANK CONDITION CALL ANNOUNCED

The Comptroller of the Currency has announced that in future calls for reports of condition national banks will not be required to make detailed statements of the various classes of money in their vaults according to the schedules heretofore used.

Except when needed for statistical purposes, previously made on twice a year, national banks will only be required to report in their periodical statements of condition of this office money in their vaults under the following heads: Gold coin, silver and money orders, clearing house certificates based on specie and currency (over \$100,000), and paper currency.

Under the head "Paper currency" the national banks will include all gold certificates, national bank notes, treasury notes United States notes, Federal reserve notes, and Federal reserve bank notes.

When it is desired to secure from the banks a more detailed statement as to their cash holdings for statistical purposes sufficient notice in advance will be given them to make preparation for supplying such data. It is believed that this ruling will materially reduce the labor of receiving letters and other bank employes.

Mr. G. A. Parks will leave Saturday for Deming where he will be employed by the government as carpenter for some time.